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Applicant: ROMAN SCHERTLER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NEW APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendment is submitted for consideration prior to calculation of fees and an action on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-34 and substitute the following claims therefor:

Sub-D1 > 35. A vacuum process apparatus for processing at least one workpiece, comprising a chamber with
two openings²⁵ defining respective opening areas; and
a transport device^{1,3,5} having a drive shaft rotatable
around a rotational axis of said drive shaft;
two conveyors¹⁹ for at least one workpiece each, and a
transport arm for each conveyor mounted opposite each other to
said draft shaft;